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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 164900

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: ERITREA -- TWO AMERICANS TAKEN HOSTAGE

REF: A. A-775, B. ASMARA 0584, C. ADDIS ABABA 08347

1. AGREE WITH YOUR INITIAL ACTION. YOU SHOULD REACH

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IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT WITH EPMG ALONG LINES OF PAGE 2,

PARA 4 OF REFERENCE A WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS: "CONTACT IS MADE WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO (A) REMIND IT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO RESCUE HOSTAGES AND PROTECT OTHER AMERICANS WHO MAY BE IN DANGER; (B) REQUEST AGREEMENT ON THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE -- SAFE RETURN OF HOSTAGES -- AND COLLATERAL OBJECTIVE -- APPREHENSION OF TERRORISTS; (C) OFFER ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE; AND, (D) COORDINATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID JEOPARDIZING RESCUE OPERATIONS OR INCREASE RISK TO HOSTAGES." IN PARTICULAR, YOU SHOULD REQUEST EPMG TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL SECURITY GUARDS FROM POLICE OR MILITARY FORCES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR ALL KAGNEW TRACTS STILL IN USE AS WELL AS FOR CONGEN.

2. RECOMMENDATION IN REFERENCE C RE CENTRALIZATION OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT BY SEPTTEL.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL HANDLE PRESS STATEMENTS IF ANY AND WILL COORDINATE WITH POSTS. UNLESS MEDIA HAS ALREADY PICKED UP STORY COORDINATE WITH EPMG TO KEEP THIS OUT OF PRESS.

4. WAS THERE LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF MORGAN KIDNAPPING IN BEIRUT, ESPECIALLY TERMS OF RELEASE? (MEDIA ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED THAT US PAID RANSOM.) KISSINGER

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